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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Kjell OLMARKER *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1647
Application No.: 09/760,810) Examiner: Jegatheesan Seharaseyon
Filed: January 17, 2001)
For: USE OF CERTAIN DRUGS FOR)
TREATING NERVE ROOT INJURY)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT, REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Official
Communication mailed March 26, 2002 (Paper No. 10).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows without prejudice or disclaimer.

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1. (Amended) A method of treating a nerve disorder in a mammal in need of
such treatment comprising the step of administering a TNF- α inhibitor wherein said TNF- α
inhibitor is metalloproteinase inhibitors excluding methylprednisolone for the treatment of
nerve disorders in said mammal in need of such treatment wherein said nerve disorder is
caused by the liberation of TNF- α and compounds triggered by the liberation of or
presence of TNF- α by inhibiting TNF- α .

2. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of a nerve
disorder in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising a pharmaceutically effective

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